

## Respiratory Therapists (29-1126)

**Occupation description:** Assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders. Assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care modalities, including the supervision of respiratory therapy technicians. Initiate and conduct therapeutic procedures; maintain patient records; and select, assemble, check, and operate equipment.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	168	224	33.3	6	4	9
United States	112,700	143,900	27.7	3,120	2,150	5,270

#### Job outlook

**Alaska:** Alaska's employment growth is robust with moderate employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

### 2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	27.83	n/a	19.76	27.06	36.90
Alaska	32.23	33.07	33.91	26.45	33.09	41.58
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	31.84	32.94	34.04	25.77	32.94	41.93

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
185	40	21.6	59.3	48.0

#### 2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	12
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	9
UI claimants previously working in occupation	15

#### 2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	15
Number of job position postings	120
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	0.1

## Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

**Education:** Associate degree

**Work experience:** None

**On-the-job training:** None

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